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B. STATE 205765 DTG 282330Z AUG 75

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SUMMARY. AT SEPTEMBER 8 MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP (SG) HELD INITIAL DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PERMREPS REPORT ON COUNTRY REQUESTS FOR USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. US REP PROVIDED US VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENT OF HAMBURG MINISTERIAL AGENDA, CENTERING ON GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS ON EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND FORCE POSTURE ISSUES. FRG REP STRESSED THAT MOD LEBER DID NOT INTEND, BY HIS PROPOSAL TO HOLD ALTERNATE NPG MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS IN CONJUNCTION WITH DPC, FOR SUCH MEETINGS TO BE SHORTENED IN LENGTH OR REDUCED IN IMPORTANCE. FRG REP CALLED ATTENTION TO PRESS REPORTS ON US NIKE HERCULES DEPLOYMENTS IN GERMANY,
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AND US REP MADE STATEMENT, DRAWING ON GUIDANCE IN REF F. SG AGREED TO DISCUSS REVISED DRAFT OF COMILATION OF NUCLEAR CONSULTATION PROCEDURES AT SEPTEMBER 19 MEETING. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON THE REVISED DRAFT. END SUMMARY.

1. AT SEPTEMBER 8 MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP HELD INITIAL DISCUSSION OF IS DRAFT PERMREPS REPORT ON COUNTRY REQUESTS FOR USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (NPG(STAFF GROUP)WP(75)8 - POUCHED TO STATE AND DEFENSE). COMMENTS CENTERED ON (1) DEFINING THE PURPOSE OF THE PAPER TO BE THE CLARIFICATION OF THE HANDLING OF COUNTRY REQUESTS, RATHER THAN DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PROCEDURES; (2) LESSENING THE SHARP DISTINCTION IN PARAS 3 AND 5 BETWEEN POLITICAL AND MILITARY OBJECTIVES OF USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS; AND (3) ELIMINATING THE ARTIFICIAL CATEGORIZATION OF COUNTRY REQUESTS CONTAINED IN PARAS 4 AND 5. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON NEED TO CLARIFY DESCRIPTION IN PARA 9 OF INTERACTION BETWEEN MNC'S AND COUNCIL/DPC RESULTING FROM A COUNTRY REQUEST. STAFF GROUP AGREED TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT PAPER AT SEPTEMBER 15 SG MEETING WITH VIEW TOWARD DEVELOPING A REVISED DRAFT FOR SUBSEQUENT REVIEW IN CAPITALS. COMMENT: WE WILL SEEK TO CORRECT THE OBVIOUS FLAWS IN IS DRAFT AT SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING, AND THEREAFTER PROVIDE REVISED DRAFT TO WASHINGTON FOR DETAILED COMMENT. IN PARTICULAR, WE WILL WORK TO CORRECT IMPLICATION OF A "DECISION-MAKING" ROLE FOR THE COUNCIL/DPC CONTAINED IN PARA 9. END COMMENT.

2. US REP (WOODWORTH) SET FORTH US VIEWS ON POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF AGENDA FOR HAMBURG NPG MEETING, CENTERING ON GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS ON EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND ON FORCE POSTURE ISSUES (REFS A AND B). SG MEMBERS HAD GENERALLY FAVORABLE REACTIONS, WHILE NOTING NEED FOR THEIR AUTHORITIES TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO US SUGGESTIONS. CHAIRMAN (SHEARER) AGREED TO DRAW UP A DRAFT AGENDA INCORPORATING US SUGGESTIONS TO AID IN THEIR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. NETHERLANDS REP (VAN VALDEREN) NOTED THAT WHILE SUGGESTED AGENDA TOPIC ON EMPLOYMENT POLICY HAD SEVERAL REFERENCE ITEMS TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION (USNUWEPS PAPER; PHASE III PERMREPS REPORT, SEP'S), THERE WAS NO SIMILAR BASIS TO SUPPORT DISCUSSION OF FORCE POSTURE ISSUES. US REP ACKNOWLEDGED THIS POINT, BUT SAID WE WOULD EXPECT BASIS FOR MINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS TO EMERGE
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IN WEEKS AHEAD, FOLLOWING ON ISSUES RAISED IN NUNN REPORT AND IN MINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS AT MONTEREY.

3. FRG REP (MERKL) SAID HE HAD RECEIVED COMMENTS FROM SEVERAL NPG MEMBERS CONCERNING INTENT OF MOD LEBER'S PROPOSAL AT MONTEREY TO HOLD ALTERNATE NPG MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DPC. HE STRESSED, IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY MISUNDERSTANDING, THAT MOD LEBER DID NOT INTEND, BY HIS PROPOSAL, FOR SUCH NPG MEETINGS TO BE SHORTENED IN LENGTH OR REDUCED IN IMPORTANCE.

4. CHAIRMAN, REFERRING TO DISCUSSIONS AT SEPTEMBER 1 NPG MEETING ON UK SUGGESTION FOR A STUDY OF NUCLEAR AIR DEFENSE

SYSTEMS (REF C, PARA 8), ASKED IF SG MEMBERS HAD INFORMATION ON STATUS OF STUDY OF AIR DEFENSE ISSUES BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES. IMS REP (GALLUP) SAID THAT PROPOSED STUDY OF BEST MIX OF AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS RESULTING FROM RECENT PRESENTATIONS ON AWAC'S HAD BEEN REMANDED TO CNAD. A SUB-GROUP UNDER THE TRI-SERVICE GROUP ON AIR DEFENSE WAS BEING ESTABLISHED WITH VIEW TOWARD BEGINNING WORK IN SEPTEMBER, PROVIDING A PROGRESS REPORT TO DPC IN DECEMBER, AND COMPLETING STUDY BY JUNE 1976. IMS REP WAS NOT CERTAIN OF EXTENT TO WHICH THE CNAD STUDY WOULD DEAL EXPLICITLY WITH NUCLEAR AIR DEFENSE QUESTIONS. FRG AND US REPS SAID THEY HAD OBTAINED SIMILAR INFORMATION. COMMENT. IN LINE WITH GUIDANCE IN REF D, WE ARE LOOKING FURTHER INTO EXTENT TO WHICH CNAD STUDY OF AIR DEFENSE MIX WILL BEAR ON PARTICULAR INTEREST IN NPG ON NUCLEAR AIR DEFENSE ISSUES. WE WILL REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT BY SEPTTEL. END COMMENT.

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5. FRG REP CALLED ATTENTION TO FRG MOD STATEMENTS ON RECENT PRESS REPORTS OF PENTAGON PLANS TO REDUCE NUMBER OF US NIKE HERCULES BATTERIES STATIONED IN FRG. HE NOTED THAT THIS MATTER WOULD HAVE A BEARING ON STATUS OF NUCLEAR AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITIES IN NATO.

6. US REP, DRAWING ON GUIDANCE IN REF F, SAID THAT THE US HAS BEEN EXPLORING VARIOUS OPTIONS CONCERNING DEPLOYMENTS OF NIKE HERCULES UNITS IN EUROPE, BUT THAT NO FINAL DECISIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN. HE SAID THAT US INTENDED TO CONSULT FULLY WITH GERMANY AND OTHER NATO ALLIES CONCERNING ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE DEFENSE POSTURE IN EUROPE.

HE SAID THAT STATUS OF AIR DEFENSE UNITS IN GERMANY IS A
MATTER WHICH WOULD BE COORDINATED BETWEEN THE US AND GERMANY,
AND THAT ANY CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF THESE UNITS WOULD ASSURE
THAT NO DEGRADATION IN AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITIES WOULD OCCUR.
COMMENT. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH FRG REP AFTER SG
MEETING, US REP SAID THAT WE ANTICIPATED THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER
WOULD DISCUSS SUBJECT OF NIKE HERCULES AND RELATED MATTERS
DURING IS VISIT WITH MOD LEBER IN LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER.
END COMMENT.

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7. CHAIRMAN CALLED ATTENTION TO IS REVISED DRAFT OF COMPILATION
OF NUCLEAR CONSULTATION PROCEDURES (NPG(STAFF GROOUP)WP(75)7
(REVISED) - POUCHED TO STATE AND EFENSE). STAFF GROUP AGREED
TO DISUSS REVISED DRAFT AT SEPTEMBER 19 MEETING. COMMENT. AS
INDICATED IN REF C, PARA 7, WE PROVIDED IS WITH PRELIMINARY
COMMENTS, ALL OF AN EDITORIAL NATURE, ON FIRST DRAFT OF
COMPILATION WHICH WERE INCORPORATED INTO REVISED DRAFT. WE
WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON THE REVISED DRAFT
PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 19 SG MEETING. END COMMENT.
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